

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2006, claims 1, 36, 41, 76 and 81 have been amended. Claims 35 and 75 have been canceled. Claims 1-34, 36-74 and 76-81 are pending in the application.

In paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10-17, 37-48, 50-57 and 77-81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gase.

However, in paragraph 5 on page 8 of the Office Action, claims 18-36 and 58-76 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims as suggested to overcome the rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to combine it with claim 35. Claim 35 has been canceled and the dependency of claim 36 has therefore been amended. Claim 41 has been amended to combine it with claim 75. Claim 75 has been canceled and the dependency of claim 76 has therefore been amended. Claim 81 has been amended to include the limitations indicated not found in the cited references.

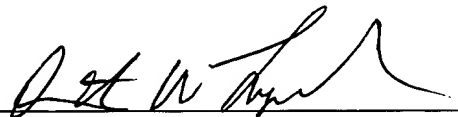
On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

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If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 423-757-0264.

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